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Santa is International But Time of Arrival Varies Around World

Santa Claus is an international figure. He is known and loved in countries all over the world although his arrival date is not always the same. A group of students from various parts of the world who are attending the University of Toronto, recently had a get-together and their conversation turned to Christmas celebrations in their homelands.

Switzerland

According to Verna Laid, a fourth year student of modern languages and history, in Switzerland Santa's visit is already over. On the sixth of December in her country the children put a bag on the window sill with a letter or poem promising Santa that they will be good the next year and listing their wishes.

"In the morning the bag is found filled with Christmas cookies and other goodies," she said. "If you have been bad though Santa leaves you a birch rod, some times with a few cookies attached. If you have been very bad he puts you in his bag and carries you back to the woods with him."

"Christmas proper is celebrated the evening of Dec. 24 or early morning of Dec. 25, Miss Laid explained. It is purely a family affair with few public celebrations.

A quaint custom described by the girl from Switzerland was the making of a wreath of pine branches the first Sunday in December and the placing thereon of four candles. During a family carol service, one of these is lighted each Sunday evening in December, the last being lighted Christmas eve.

Czechoslovakia

Mrs. Helen Munz described the customs in her homeland, Czechoslovakia. She said that St. Nicholas comes to her country on Dec. 6 too, but he always is accompanied by an angel or a devil.

"The angel promises to reward good children and the devil spans the bad with a heavy chain he carries with him," she explained. "As in Canada St. Nick comes down the chimney and fills stockings left on the window sill with toys and goodies.

Before the war fruits from all over the world were considered the greatest delicacies, she said, but there will be little of that now. A few lumps of coal and some potatoes are always included. There is always a tree which is hung with candles and special cookies and each visitor until after the New Year must take some goodies off the tree.

"But if St. Nick gives gifts on Dec. 6 Jesus brings them on Dec. 24," Mrs. Munz said. "Shepherds in rural districts go from door to door announcing the birth of Christ. As in Switzerland Christmas day is a family affair and the main dish is always carp."

Holland

A St. Nicholas, dressed in archbishop's robes and carrying a staff, who comes by steamboat from Spain and brings with him an Arabian steed and small helper called Peter gladdens the hearts of Dutch children. Dec. 5, said Carl Van Lente, Peter carries Santa's bag and a big book. If the child has been good he is rewarded with cookies. If not, he may get a birch rod or be carried off to Spain in the bag and there cut up into cookies for next year's good boys and girls. Shoes are put out containing grass and carrots for the steed.

Argentina

In the Argentine, Christmas day is widely celebrated. A croche is set up instead of a tree, but this is done Jan. 6, when gifts are also exchanged.

This day, "the day of the kings," is also a big day in Costa Rica, said Zaira Murray, of San Jose. The croche forms the chief decoration in homes and churches, and sometimes there is a tree too. Since there are no chimneys, there is no Santa or hanging of stockings, though gifts are given. These festivities occur in the middle

Cave of The Nativity Now Religious Ground

The "stable" in which Christ was born does not conform to the modern conception of the word.

In Biblical times, places of shelter were hewn in rocky ledges; Judean travellers, frequently housed in such caves, welcomed joint tenancy with beasts because of the extra warmth provided by animals' bodies.

The birthplace of Jesus was such a cave. Now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, the entire surface has been elaborately ornamented. Pilgrims to the shrine often wish, nonetheless reverently, that its original simplicity might have been preserved in which eternal stars "Looked down where He lay The Little Lord Jesus Asleep in the hay."

MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE

In Brazil, it's "Feliz Natal!"

In Denmark it's "Glaedelig Jul!"

In the Netherlands, it's "Hartelike Kerstgroeten!"

In Finland, it's "Hauskaa Joulua!"

In France, it's "Joyeux Noel!"

In Italy it's "Buon Natale!"

In Spain, it's "Felices Pascuas!"

In Sweden, it's "God Jul!"

In Austria, it's "Froehliche Weihnachten!"

But for you and me, and all English speaking boys and girls the whole world over, it's

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

—JAMES ALDREDGE

SHIP O' DREAMS

(Douglas Buchanan)

What bring you home my Christmas ship

To light my dusk of dreams

From Rio Grande or Samarcand

No glittering gift, it seems!

Yet in your hold, for more than gold,

One joy, all else transcends:

When pomp has passed and earth is cold—

Wondrous as roses in December.

Fond in my heart to clasp,

remember—

The lasting love of friends.

Here, by the fire, no vain desire
Mocks me with Yuletide flame:
For should I walk with Sorrow dire,
Homeless, without a name,
My memories are mine to prize
Of dear, glad light in faithful eyes,
Till life's last Noel ends.
Fragrant and fresh to clasp,
remember,
God's rarest roses of December—
Laughter and love of friends!

Every year thirteen million tons of fish come from the world's oceans, and before the war Great Britain ate yearly 16½ lbs. of fish per head. This was only half of the consumption in Japan, and only a tenth of a Norwegian's meals, though it was two or three times that of a German, a Frenchman, or an American.

Jamaica

Christmas moves to the traditional Dec. 25 in Jamaica, where the most colorful event is the big Christmas eve market, said Miltcent Knight, of Brown's Town, Jamaica.

Letters are sent off to Santa months in advance because of the distance from the North Pole. Ham as well as turkey is essential to the feast, although the poorer people celebrate by simply having meat to eat at all.

As in all West Indian countries fireworks are necessary and there are merry-go-rounds and other entertainments in the streets. There are Christmas trees and gifts are opened in the early morning. No holly is available but poinsettias grow in profusion and are used for decorations. Just as on any holiday, beaches are crowded with merry-makers, most of whom have never seen a "white Christmas."

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"A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

JAMES COUSENS DIES AT HOCKEY MATCH

James Cousens, 68 years, resident of the Crow's Nest Pass for many years and a Bellevue merchant, died at the Bellevue arena Saturday night while watching a hockey game. Death was due to a heart attack.

The late Mr. Cousens was born in Glace Bay, N.S., and came west to Bellevue about 1910. He worked at the mines for a time and then was employed as teamster for T. Burnett, groceryman. He later went into the retail grocery business.

Mr. Cousens was an enthusiastic curler, was a past Grand Master of the Alberta Grand Lodge, IOOF, and for many years was the Lethbridge Herald's correspondent at Bellevue. He it was who turned in the first story of the famous Basoff gun battle in the Bellevue cafe in 1919.

He is survived by his wife and a son Leslie; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Mark of Blairmore; and a brother, G. Cousens of Bellevue.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. from the Blairmore United church.

Message for Christmas

(Captain T. Smith)
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).
In far away Palestine of modern times we see chaos and destruction that seems to be paralyzing every effort which is put forth to stop all war and conflict. With the hatred of two of the most diverse yet common foe of the centuries, the "Jews and Arabs", can we not see the similarity of this century back when the eyes of the world were focused to that part of the world which was under the influence of the Roman Empire. The Jews longed to have a nation not dominated by outside power. Knowing the prophecy of some of their great leaders they looked for the "Messiah" that would break the rule of the "hated Romans", and bring them to be the most powerful nation on earth. This was climaxed when a choir of angels joyously announced that a Saviour was born, who would save the world from sin.

These two great similes provide a background for a Christmas time spiritual lesson. When Christ was born he came as a Light to light up the darkness in which men were groping. Later we have the message from the Son of God, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Men came then and have come since and have found rest and peace in Jesus.

Today humanity is groping around in the darkness of sin, fear has gripped the hearts, there is every evidence of unrest. All this can be settled by coming unto the "Light of the World" and seeking the rest which is offered by the Saviour of Mankind whose birth we are celebrating again. "He came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly."

The Christmas season always brings with it gift-giving and a certain amount of special church going on Christmas Sunday, but the thought comes to me that Christmas is not all it is meant to be. As the angels announced to the shepherds that a Saviour was born, they believed and went to the place finding all as it was said. They worshipped the Christ Child. Today as the heavenly message rings out that a "Saviour was born", that Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost, shall we not also believe and go to Him as He invites us to Himself.

Is there not a lost condition prevailing over the world, a groping in the darkness? Why? I am convinced and trust that you are too that men have not brought themselves to the place of "adoring, Christ the Lord". In words—perhaps but what is the heart condition. A heart vile with sin, in the first Adam stage, cannot adore, for there is condemnation. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

Can not we this Christmas time come to the Christ child and worship Him and bring to Him our gifts, not of gold, myrrh or frankincense but a life of service, a life of hope, come to Him today.

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night:
All is calm, all is bright
Round your virgin Mother and Child,
Hush! Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! Holy night:
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night:
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Mr. Edgar Diamond and Mr. Andrew Piard are visiting in Blairmore with their parents over the holidays.

On Christmas Day



In keeping with the custom established by King George the Fifth, H. M. The King will broadcast a message to his peoples on Christmas Day, at the conclusion of the Empire Broadcast from BBC, London. His Majesty will speak at 8:00 a.m. MST, 9:00 a.m. CST and his address will be repeated on CBC networks after the National news at 8:15 p.m. MST and 9:15 p.m. CST.

Christmas Message

(Rev. Leo Sullivan)
Christmas separates all history into Before and After. What does not converge toward it, radiates from it. The first pages of the story of the human family carry the PROMISE of the WORD which came to pass at Bethlehem: "All the intervening centuries from the fall of Adam led up to this momentous epoch. And from the humble, obscure birth of Bethlehem's Babe the world now reckons its years and civilization take its name."

After Bethlehem life took on a new meaning. From the short space of thirty-three years, in time, renewed and regenerated human society. That energy and influence still prevails, and will continue till the last Chapter of human history is completed.

Twenty centuries ago, for the first time, a MAN walked this earth and then died a seeming failure and a condemned criminal. Twenty centuries after Calvary that MAN still lives and still holds the loyalty of millions. For love of that MAN and for his cause men and women have laid down their lives. Scapies and unbelievers may talk about personal magnetism, the inclination of human beings to follow a leader of any kind. But this does not explain why the feet of the missionary have travelled the roads of the world; why the blood of the martyrs has been poured out in tortures. The explanation is in the Babe who, long ago, was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger."

True, there are many today, as in his own day, who walk as no more with Him. But there are millions who answer with Peter: "We have believed and have known that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God". There are millions for whom the Star still shines; who go over to Bethlehem and kneel before a Babe in a manger.

What a different world this would be if all men served the God who came at Christmas as a little child, grew to manhood, climbed a hill and was crucified. If they but realized that the solution of the world's problems is not to be found in the fine phrases of statesmen, but by sitting in the school of Bethlehem at the feet of Him who came to bring peace to men of good will.

Christmas for many has been commercialized out of all meaning. He who is the central Figure has been driven into the background. In this regard we must keep ourselves unspotted from the spirit of the world. Remembering the Why of Christmas, we have every reason to have a good time. But we must keep in mind that Christmas is Christ's day, first and last and all the day. We must keep Christ in Christmas and Christmas in Christ. We must keep Christmas with Mary who waited upon Him on the first Christmas. And then we shall really know

Peace on Earth

Two thousand years ago the angels who welcomed the newborn King sang the first Christmas Carol to the humble shepherds of the Goliath plains. Above the clamorous voices of our materialistic age we need to hear again the celestial music and to catch the challenge of the angelic anthem.

When the Angel Chorus sang so sweetly on that first Christmas morn all Judea might have heard and might have heeded yebony a few, humble shepherds did so. Through all these years a similar reception has been given to that wonderful message of God to the world.

The Holy Land has too often been bathed in bloodshed. The wars, the strife and contention of the present day give the lie to the name Holy Land. Today as never before the world waits and the people look expectantly for the leaders of men to lay the foundations of a just and permanent world peace. A beginning has been made, machinery under the United Nations has been set up and still the people are waiting to get the machinery working properly.

A great deal more than United Nations machinery is necessary. The best machinery in the world will not function properly without the proper kind of people to handle it. So it becomes necessary for us to go beyond machinery and to deal with people. Because so few people gave heed to the angels' song when it was first sung, it did not have as great an effect upon the hearts and minds of men as it might have had. Through all these years far too many people were content to sing the song rather than seek to help it to be realized. The time has now come when we must bring that message of peace and good will into the very hearts and lives of all people and make it one of the controlling motives of life. So our Christmas task and in fact our tasks throughout the entire year should be the cultivation of better understanding among all men, sympathy, friendship, love, kindness and all the virtues which mark us as Christians. We will never have peace on earth and good will among men if we continue to wrangle over selfish interests while the world suffers.

We have never worked very hard at cultivating peace, good will and understanding among all men. Today the world cries out as never before for just such an understanding. God grant that we may stop repeating words or singing songs and get down to the serious business of making the angels' song effective in our own hearts and lives and among all peoples of the earth. We must bring about peace among men and that can only be done through men. Only then will the peace of God which passes all understanding become the possession of men here and now upon earth. Surely, in view of the uncertainty and fear so prevalent today, such an ideal is worth striving for.

My prayer is that you may have this peace in your hearts at this Christmas Season.

Sincerely yours,
J. MCKELVEY.

Him as our God Who comes to us with a child's care, His little baby fingers unravelling the tangled skeins of sin, His little baby hands turned round the sinner's neck and turning him from ways that are evil.

After Jesus and Christmas we think most lovingly of Mary who in mothering the Babe of Bethlehem mothered the race of men. So let us go over to Bethlehem and in spirit place our hand in her's. And as we walk with Mary to Bethlehem, let us not forget to ask her to think her Son for making Christmas possible.

Mr. Dennis Fleming is spending the holidays with his mother in Blairmore.

A Christmas Message

(Robert Macgowan)
Christmas greetings to one and all.
A critic of the present generation in regard to its observance of Christ's birthday has declared that we are corrupters of Christmas in that we have taken a great festival of the Christian Calendar and made a secular holiday of it. In this indictment I think we must acknowledge our guilt. We have largely lost our awareness of the origin and meaning of Christmas. That holy day is observed mainly as a time for luxury and indulgence rather than a time for praise and worship, for thanksgiving and sharing. We need to recover the lost chord if we would restore the harmony of life.

The message of the angel, and the song of the angelic choir, on that first Christmas morn, proclaimed the coming of One who has the Bread of Life—One who brought with Him the plan and the power to feed the hungry of the world. But the facts concerning the food situation among the nations of the earth today show how we have failed to cooperate with Christ. The fault is not his but ours. Britain is short of food. France and Italy are still shorter. There is appalling misery in China, and India is threatened with famine. "The total result," says a keen observer, "is the greatest diffusion of human suffering and privation in all recorded history."

But the promise of Christmas includes not only food for a hungry world but unity for a divided world. "At Bethlehem Gentiles mingled with Jews, the Magi knelt beside the peasants, shepherds took their place by the side of royal visitors, and in the midst of them all was the Christ child."

Bethlehem lies midway between East and West, and in the Babe of Bethlehem we have the meeting of East and West. As we turn our thoughts from Bethlehem to the meeting place of the United Nations at Lake Success we discover, in contrast a spirit and atmosphere that depresses and alarms us, for there we see not unity but division, the absence of the spirit of peace and good will.

The central truth of Christmas, however, that which bids the clouds roll back and reveal the starry sky, is the message of hope symbolized by the Star of Bethlehem. The poet Longfellow voices for all of us those feelings of hope that possess us at this Christmas season: "I heard the bells on Christmas Day"

Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

"And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;

"For hate is strong,
Their mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!"
The wrong shall fall,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

Five registered nurses have recently been taken on the staff of Fernie General hospital, the following "being their names and the towns from which they came: Miss P. Benesch, Kelowna; Miss M. Lang, New Westminster; Miss M. Pank, Coleman; Miss N. Walker, Vancouver; Miss B. Ritchie, Bellevue—Fernie Free Press.

The kindergarten class, under the guidance of their teacher, "Sister Edmund Marie", held their annual Christmas tree concert in the Columbus hall, Thurs., Dec. 18.

The program consisted of small plays, recitations, singing and a dance. Last but not least was the main feature, when Santa Claus arrived bringing small gifts for the children.

The program was well attended and enjoyed by all.

AGED CHAMPION MAN PASSES AT GLEICHEN

Rev. Peter Dawson officiated at services in Jacques's funeral home in Calgary on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20, for Herbert Rhodes, 80, of Champion. Interment followed in Union cemetery.

Born in Norton, Yorkshire, England, Mr. Rhodes came to Canada in 1906 and moved to Michel, BC, the same year. He went to Champion in 1908 and lived there until going to Gleichen 17 months ago. He retired in 1942.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Earl Ryland, Oskis, Minn.; Mrs. Edward Brown Vancouver, BC; five sons Ernest, Hillcrest; Albert, Bellevue; George, Champion; Herbert, Oregon; and William, Cagary; 33 grandchildren. His wife, Jane predeceased him in Portland in 1932.

Mr. Donald Reese is spending the holiday with his parents in Bellevue.

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Weather Control

DURING THE LAST HALF CENTURY farming has become a more and more highly specialized occupation, as scientific and mechanical progress have gradually given the farmer wider knowledge and better tools with which to carry on his work. In the days when the West was first opened up for cultivation, little was known of means to combat rust, drought, insects, early frosts, and all the many hazards which threatened the crop each season. During the intervening years, however, these problems have been wholly or partially solved, and efforts are continually being made to bring about further advances in scientific methods of farming.

Weather Always Great Hazard

One of the greatest difficulties of farmers everywhere and one of the hardest for them to combat, is the weather. Agricultural scientists have, in the past, tried to offset the effects of early frosts by developing early-maturing varieties of wheat, and to fight drought by various means of moisture conservation. There is still much to be done, however, to lessen the threats which hail and lack of moisture now constitute to prairie farming. At their recent annual meeting, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates passed a resolution calling upon their provincial departments of agriculture and natural resources, the insurance branch and the Dominion government weather bureau, to collect reports on research which is being done in Australia and the United States on weather control, particularly in regard to methods of scattering dry ice by airplane to break up potential hail storms and to produce snow and rain.

Progress Made During The War

It was further suggested that summaries of such reports should, from time to time, be made public and also that some experimental work should be done in Saskatchewan on this problem. As in many other fields of knowledge, rapid progress was made during the war in the study of weather conditions and much information was gained by scientists on this important subject. It seems desirable, indeed, that such knowledge should, in time of peace, be used for the benefit of agriculture, and that consideration should be given to the making of further studies along these lines throughout the West. Drought and hail have been responsible for untold damage to crops and subsequent financial losses to farmers, and there should be wide interest in any new methods which may be found to combat them.

MANITOBA TO MODERNIZE ITS NORTH TOWNS

FLIN FLON, Man.—The Manitoba government is going to modernize its northern towns—in the not too distant future—with an automatic telephone service and radio transmission stations.

Peter Miller, commissioner of telephones, in outlining the plan, says it will depend on growth of the towns and increase in population.

Present plans call for installation of an automatic telephone service at Flin Flon and Dauphin, and for radio transmitters at Snow Lake, Lynn Lake, and other outlying northern mining areas—when development warrants. The plan will be the central radio link between the northern outposts and will be connected with a Winnipeg radio station.

Miller says such companies as the Hudson's Bay will install transmitters in their outposts and in the larger settled areas the government will install necessary equipment.

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GEMS OF THOUGHT

THE BETTER WAY

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—Matthew 7:12.

Reason shows me that if my happiness is desirable and a good, the equal happiness of any other person must be equally desirable.—Henry Sidgwick.

Whatever is unjust is contrary to the divine will; and from this it follows that no true and abiding happiness can be gained by those who are unjust.—Stretch.

Let us serve instead of rule, knock instead of push at the door of human hearts, and allow to each and every one the same rights and privileges that we claim for ourselves.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Be honest but hate no one; overturn a man's wrongdoings but do not overturn him unless it must be done in the overturning of the wrong.—Abraham Lincoln.

To be perfectly just is an attribute of the divine nature; to be so to the utmost of our abilities, is the glory of man.—Addison.

ROSETOWN PLANS NEW WATER SYSTEM

ROSETOWN, Sask.—New buildings valued at \$286,000 have been built in this town of 1,800 people during the last year and residents hope they'll soon be watching ditch-diggers at work giving the town a water supply for the first time in its history.

Rosetown, lying in the middle of a rich wheat-growing district, has always bought its water from door-to-door vendors, but now it has contracted for the development of a water supply on Eagle Creek, 4½ miles from here and has been guaranteed a flow of 100 gallons a minute. The town is symbolic of the importance of agriculture to Saskatchewan—every new business started in the last year is connected with farming and even its housing boom of 20 new homes in one year is attributed to movement of farmers into town during the winter season.

Boom crops of the past few years have done much for the town. 70 miles southwest of Saskatoon, Year by year it has carried out a tree-planting program, until now hundreds of elm line its streets. It has a city-owned playground covering a full city block, and a local service club is busy on a swimming-pool project.

Ed Wicket, local justice of the peace, claims the day is not far off when Saskatoon "will be just a suburb of Rosetown."

BARGAINS THAT WERE REALLY SOMETHING

"Ladies' fine shoes \$2 a pair," one advertisement read. Another praised all-wool, yard goods, 48 inches wide at 72 cents a yard.

Also listed were men's white shirts at 97 cents and men's dress shoes at \$2 and \$3 a pair.

The newspaper heralding such unheard of bargains turned up in a scrap paper campaign, a copy of the Athens, Ohio, Journal of Sept. 12, 1889.



FIVE STORIES HIGH AND A BLOCK LONG—The world's largest land plane, the \$15,000,000 experimental XC-99, is shown in the air (top) during its first successful one-hour test flight. Bottom, the pride of the U.S. Air Force soars over San Diego, Calif., on its return to Lindbergh Field. The new giant ship, designed to carry 400 fully-outfitted troops, is equipped with six 3,000-horsepower engines and is capable of flying 8,100 miles at 300 miles an hour. It is five stories high and a city block long. It took four years to build the huge craft.

FUNNY And OTHERWISE

"Mary," said Mrs. Smythe, making final arrangements for a big party, "I want you to stand at the drawing-room door and call the guests' names as they enter."

"Thank you, madam," said Mary. "I've been wanting to do that for years."

An old lady was buying a radio.

"Now do you definitely assure me," she asked, looking anxiously at the tangle of wires, "that I shall not get a shock?"

"Madam," said the assistant, impressively, "I assure you that you won't get a shock until you hear some of the programs!"

A farmer wrote to a rural paper to ask: "How long cows should be milked?"

"Why the same as short cows, of course," advised the editor.

"Of course, I must ask you for a deposit," said the landlady.

"Certainly," replied the new tenant, handing over the required sum.

"Thank you. Now, shall we trust each other or do you want a receipt?"

"I hear he married her because her uncle left her half a million dollars."

"That's not so. He'd have married her no matter who left it to her."

Henry Youngman, New York wit, claims he was stopped by a pawnshop owner who asked him: "Brother, can you spare ten dollars till pay-day?"

"When is pay-day?" Henry asked.

"You ought to know," answered the boss. "You're the one that's working."

Johnny came home from a party and said to his mother: "You promised me a shilling if I behaved myself."

"Yes, dear."

"Well—you've saved a bob!"

"How did your wife like the diamond ring you gave her for her birthday?"

"Delighted. She was awfully nice for a couple of days. But she's herself again now."

They were discussing a mutual friend.

"Brown is a good fellow, really," said one, "but he treats his poor wife miserably."

"What do you mean?" the other asked. "Does he beat her?"

"No, no! He just refuses to argue with her."

"And what is your reason for wishing to marry my daughter?" asked the father.

Fuzzled, the young man scratched his head, pondered a second, then answered: "I have no reason, I'm in love."

"Don't you enjoy listening to the honk of a wild goose?"

"Not when he's driving an automobile."



BIKE FOR TWO—Believing a man should have his girl friend at his side even while bicycling, Tallo Le Mon, Milan, Italy, invented this vehicle. Seats are beside each other, both persons pedal but only one steers.

NOW YOU KNOW

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Hjalmar Carlson, a tailor, often wondered how many clothes there were in a suit of clothes, so he counted them. Carlson says there are 29,838 in a coat, 9,561 in pants, and 7,740 in a vest.

Atom Age Wonderful If Wars Outmoded

NEW YORK—Robert M. Hutchings, chancellor of the University of Chicago, writes in a December magazine article that atomic bombs can annihilate all life on earth—but that if war ceases, atomic energy can make man live as long as Methuselah.

"Atomic energy makes all our conceptions of daily living obsolete, eradicates virtually all our limitations, cures all our maladies, and opens the door to a way of life as uncomplicated as that of a South Seas native basking in the sun and plucking his food from the breadfruit tree," he writes.

CENSUS SHOWS VANCOUVER IS GROWING RAPIDLY

VANCOUVER—Canada's third largest city is growing—but fast. Civic officials announced 351,100 people are listed on the assessment role for 1948. The new total is an increase of 16,750 over the 1946 figure—the sharpest annual increase of all time.

Vancouver's population in the 1941 census was listed as 275,353.

Early secrets of watchmaking were closely guarded and handed from generation to generation within families.

Urge Completion Of Modern Road Across Canada

Chamber Of Commerce Delegation Believes Present Facilities Are Inadequate

OTTAWA—Completion by Federal and Provincial governments of an up-to-date highway system from the Atlantic to the Pacific, to be begun when conditions are opportune, was urged by a delegation representing the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, which waited upon Mines and Resources Minister J. A. Glen recently.

"The chamber," said the spokesman for the delegation, "believes the present across-Canada road facilities are inadequate."

"A modern hard-surfaced highway would be a great asset in helping to unify the United States and Canada, increasing tourist traffic and for purposes of national defense," said the delegation.

The delegation also discussed with Mr. Glen, immigration and forestry. The chamber believed every effort should be made to retain Canadians in Canada, and the government should help ensure a national income and standard of living comparable favorably with that offered by any other country.

The chamber recommended creation of a separate ministry of immigration. It was recommended provincial authorities consider calling a conference on national forestry. If the provinces agreed the Dominion Government should call one without delay.

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CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

The festival of Christmas has many interesting customs largely originating in Old World lands. For instance, some of the customs from Holland brought over by the early Dutch in New York was that of having a burgher dress as old St. Nicholas and distribute toys and candy to the children. Straw wooden shoes left by the fireplace to dry were a convenient spot to leave these gifts and so the round-eyed kiddies found their shoes filled with playthings and sweets. Now children in the United States and Canada hang up their stockings by the fireplace on Christmas Eve.

Then there is the business of Santa Claus making his rounds in a reindeer-horned sleigh and coming down the chimney. It is a development of comparatively recent times. In Holland Santa's name is Sinter Klaas and children are told he arrives from Spain wearing a bishop's robes and riding a white horse, which is supposed to gallop through the air similar to our Santa's reindeer.

In Sweden, we are told, the Christmas goat does the gift giving while in Norway an elf riding a goat delivers the Yuletide gifts.

The Yule log, traditionally dragged into homes from the forest, is an ancient custom in many Old World lands and it gradually evolved into the Christmas tree with its gay decorations that one may see already in

scores of Lethbridge homes. Decorating the Christmas tree goes back to the 17th century in Germany, Queen Victoria, and her German consort, Prince Albert, introduced it into England and from there it spread to other countries including America.

Britain introduced the idea of groups going about the streets Christmas Eve singing carols and this too spread to America and we hope the delightful old custom will never die. —Lethbridge Herald.

THE TURKEY TRAVELS

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review)

One of the best-travelled birds in the world, from a historical point of view, is the turkey. A release from the Royal Ontario Museum notes that the bird which will soon appear in its most popular form—cooked and stuffed—on Yuletide tables all across Canada, was raised for domestic use first by the Indians of the American southwest. From then on it had a remarkable history, being taken to Spain by the Spanish explorers, thence going to England in the early 16th century and ultimately being brought back to North America by the early settlers.

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A Christmas Story

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Where will you find a Christmas celebration without "Silent Night, Holy Night"? This jewel of song is an inheritance from singers living in a valley of the mighty Alps. "Come, Hither, ye Faithful," one of the best known Christmas songs is of Portuguese origin. The land of song, Italy,

has given us, "O Thou Holiest, O Thou Happiest." As a bright beam of light comes from the dark ages "Now Raise Your Happy Voices," sheds Christmas joy to this day. "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and "Joy to the World" are the Christmas songs of old England. From our own land "O Little Town of Bethlehem" is the best known.

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(By Dorothy Vivian in C.I.L. Oval)

Do you remember the excitement in your house the day the Christmas gifts were wrapped?

Mother was by far the most proficient wrapper in our family. Her gifts when complete, emerged as works of art, a-twinkle with bright ribbons, fancy seals and perky bows.

Dad was more apt to present his gifts wrapped exactly as he had received them from the store—unless Mother wrapped them up for him—and we children struggled mightily to avoid straggly bows, while we tried to make neat corners, and vied for the gayest Christmas seals in the box.

The interchange of gifts between family and friends at Christmas time has a long history, and many and varied are the customs and traditions relating to it. St. Nicholas is supposed to be the earliest donor of Christmas gifts—he is certainly the most famous.

Not much is known about the early history of wrappings for Christmas gifts. Traditional receptacles are, of course, the stocking in America, and the shoes, in such countries as France, Holland and Germany.

Today in Sweden the quaint custom of the Julklapp still survives, this being a small, but precious gift, wrapped in an enormous package which takes much time and labor to undo. The task of discovering the article, hidden within in innumerable coverings, results, of course, in much fun and laughter.

How's this for a romantic offering? Young men in certain European countries often have themselves wrapped up in a parcel and delivered to their lady-loves, emerging, upon arrival, to request the lady's hand. (How embarrassing this would all be should she refuse!).

A far cry from our childhood efforts to make a pleasing parcel from white tissue paper and red or green string, is the wide variety of wrapping material available today. The shops offer you reams of paper covered with Christmas designs. "Cellophane" cellulose film is one of the most popular newcomers and is available either in plain sheets or printed with traditional Yuletide patterns.

Should you choose to be thoroughly modern you will like the plastic papers with ribbon to match; or then again, you might prefer the foil papers, which you may buy plain, printed, or even quilted.

If you simply aren't talented whatsoever when it comes to gift-packaging you'll heartily welcome the gift wrapping services offered to the public by many metropolitan shops.

We interviewed dainty, merry-eyed Frances Laporte, who had been wrapping gifts for the customers of one of the large Montreal stores for some time. Her secret, she admits, is scotch tape, which, these days, is as pretentious as it is practical. She inserts point-tips, or Santas among the rosette bows she deftly fashions, holding them in place with the tape, and tops it all off with plastic ribbon, which stays fresh and can even be used over again if desired.

Ellen McDonald, another expert gift-wrapper, emphasizes good taste and discrimination in parcel making. "The temptation may be great," says she, "but don't put all those seals on that two-by-four package, and keep your workmanship neat."

You'll need lots of enthusiasm and resourcefulness, too, when you start that season of Christmas gift wrapping, but oh the fun you'll have! And then on Christmas morning, guess what? Those packages that you have wrapped up so carefully will rate only a few brief moments of "oohs" and "aaahs" before their eager recipients pounce gleefully on the contents. But you'll be so busy opening your own presents you won't even notice that!

Times sure do change. Little Johnny used to hide his cigarettes from mother. Now mother has to hide her cigarettes from little Johnny.

COWLEY HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Edward Perceval is a patient in St. Vincent's hospital at Pincher Creek this week.

Mrs. Peter Iwasuk, her mother, Mrs. J. Fournier, and her small daughter Michelle were week end visitors to Calgary.

Mrs. Story, of Calgary arrived this week to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smyth.

A very successful dance, sponsored by the Cowley baseball club, was held in Papp's hall on Dec. 12. The attendance was held with a goodly number coming from Pincher Creek and from the Pass towns. Proceeds amounted to \$140.00.

Following a few days visit in Calgary this week, Mr. and Mrs. George Porter, of Pincher Creek, spent Wednesday in the old home town visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gunn and Mr. and Mrs. Rolo Burn.

A Sunday school concert and tree was held in the United church here on the evening of Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. sponsored by the Sunday school staff.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jones and their two daughters of Maycroft are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Jones and family here during the week.

The Ladies Aid of the United church here was entertained by Mrs. Arthur Tustian at her home on Wednesday afternoon. It was agreed that the collection at this meeting be food parcels to send to a friend in need in Scotland. There were 13 women and several young children present.

En route from attending the Farmers Union Convention which was held in Edmonton last week, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cleland stopped over in Calgary to spend a few days visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Easterbrook and Mr. Jim Connor and their families and in Lethbridge they made another stopover to pay visits at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cleland and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Easterbrook, arriving home, the fore part of this week.

A well-attended meeting of the Alberta Farmers Union was held in the Masonic hall here on Tuesday evening. The principal question brought up for discussion was that of the amalgamation of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers Union. A. B. Cleland, delegate to the AFU convention held in Edmonton last week gave an interesting report of the work in progress. Mrs. Frank Webber assisted by Mrs. Albert Cleland was on the refreshment committee. Next meeting of the local AFU will be postponed until word is received from the UFA convention.

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Fernie Free Press, of Dec. 18, states in part: A program of Christmas music and carols will be presented this Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Vogue theatre by the Fernie Choral Society, under direction of Roy Lobb with Doreen Large as accompanist. Visiting artists assisting are Stanley Klash, Blaimore and John Graham, Coleman, who will render Beethoven's "Sonata," ensemble for piano and violin. Both these musicians are highly acclaimed, having studied under noted musicians, Madeline Chardon (now Mrs. Pinkney) and W. H. Moser.

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Christmas Greetings

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY—

End Of The Rainbow

By ROY V. PRICE

DISGUSTEDLY, Leslie Morris surveyed the lobby of the small hotel. It was warm and cheerful, full of holly wreaths flaunting wide red satin ribbon, tinsel and red candles and gilded walnut shells. But there would be no warmth and cheer for him this Christmas Eve night, only a more burning loneliness than ever. He was a dynamically efficient, razor-sharp executive of 37 with a cold dry businesslike facade, yet he would have gladly given a substantial part of the millions his steel mills made for him in exchange for the happiness and sincere friendship he saw on the faces of these honest, hard-working people.

"This town has real Christmas Spirit," Leslie contrasted this with the Christmas spirits he would have been enjoying at this very hour in the wilds of Miami, if his plane hadn't been grounded in this little city. He went out into the cold, crowded street and falling snow. Flawlessly groomed, he looked fit, like a fellow who dropped into the gym every now and then for a game of handball.

He walked around the town square, noticing the lavish, sparkling-colored lights strung hither and yon. The whole town was pervaded by an atmosphere of holiday. Santa Claus was riding a top-laden sleigh out of the sky, his six reindeers prancing in noon. Naive. But in spite of his mood, Leslie felt a bit of holiday zip.

He crossed the street to the courthouse lawn and stood with dozens of others, gazing at a life-sized display of the Three Wise Men, on camels, approaching a manger where a tiny infant lay in a bed of straw. His attention was held by the restful beauty of this rustic scene. He was caught up in "Rock, Noel" coming from the manger. Then he was surprised that he remained standing in the falling snow, with total strangers, listening to "Silent Night" and "Little Town of Bethlehem."

Forlornly, he wandered along a tree-bordered street. From one cozy bungalow came the faint sound of carols.

The beautifully-lighted trees on the lawn brought back memories of his boyhood days in Birmingham. The homes brought back his childhood Christmas Eves when he had

gone about the neighborhood to see everybody's tree and talked about Christmas.

The impulse hit him suddenly. He decided to do that tonight. He walked up to the front door of a house that seemed to shout, "Merry Christmas! Welcome!"

A lady with an infant in her arms opened the door and greeted him with the friendliest smile he had ever seen.

"I was passing and noticed your decorations," I just wanted to tell you how beautiful I think they are and wish you all a Merry Christmas!" He refused her invitation to enter, saying he must be on his way, but the grateful and friendliness he read on her face made him feel better than he had felt in months.

He crossed the street and turned in at another house a few doors down. To his surprise he found himself doing something he hadn't done in years—he was humming "Silent Night." His hard face, which could remain expressionless at the gain or loss of a million dollars now wore a faint smile. He was no longer disgusted over his private plane being forced down.

"Yes!" the girl standing in the doorway was smiling. The warm yellow light streaming over her shoulders, brightened the gold of her hair.

Not only her voice, but a certain velled quality of shutting off something from the rest of the world, held him speechless while his mind registered other facts—five feet two, and a smile that took him right out of this world. She looked young, alive and warm. "I just wanted to tell you how much I admire the way you have this tree on the lawn lighted and the windows too."

"Won't you come in Mr.—?" her lovely eyes studied him curiously.

"I'm Leslie Morris."

"I'm Mary Hull."

Following her into the living room, he glimpsed the old-fashioned furniture and a rocking chair before a large fireplace.

His ears forced his attention on a wind-up phonograph softly playing Bing Crosby's "White Christmas."

The tree was a sturdy striping which filled the room with spicy fragrance.

"Dad is rummaging in the attic now for more of last year's decorations," she said, and Leslie smiled again to the warmth of her smile.

"Well, honey, this is—Oh, Hello," a white haired man was saying from the doorway. "This is Leslie Morris."

"How do you do, I was just admiring your tree." He shook the fragile old man's hand. "Excuse me," Mary said, "I'll be back in a moment."

"Make yourself comfortable while I hang this star at the top of the tree."

Leslie had sized things when Mary appeared with coffee.

"Now Dad, after you've been slaving in that old hardware store all day I know you don't feel like trimming the tree."

"I can take a hint," said the old man, smiling mischievously from the doorway.

"They sat before the fire, drinking. Leslie walked to the tree. "Here let me have some of that stuff."

Mary handed him glass of sherry beads.

"Why didn't you tell me you were a Christmas tree decorator?" she laughed. She stood close beside him. For a long goofy moment, he was in the verge of kissing her.

"Look! I'd love to have you know my aunt. Would you come over to Birmingham sometime? and meet her?"

"Maybe," she answered with an unsteady little laugh. "Will you come to dinner tomorrow? We can eat all that pie and turkey ourselves."

"I was never so happy in my life."

Going down the walk he turned to wave. She was standing in the doorway laughing. He knew this was the end of his rainbow.

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PORTLAND, Me.—Christmas shopping presents a problem to Mrs. Hatie M. Wilcox, 65, whose family includes nine children, 44 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Santa on the Line :: ::



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The time draws near the birth of Christ.

The moon is hid; the night is still.

The Christmas bells from hill to hill

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From far and near, on mead and moor.

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Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind

That now dilate, and now decrease

Peace and good-will, good-will and peace.

Peace and good-will, to all mankind.

Tennyson.

The evergreen tree is grown in every province of the Dominion.

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"SILENT NIGHT" MUSIC

SAME IN ALL LANGUAGES

A group of people from a number of countries once met around a brightly-burning log fire, and the singing of songs was suggested. It was found, however, that difficulty arose over the fact that no two members of the group could sing the same song. Finally a young woman spoke up: "There is a song, the tune of which is the same in all languages. Let us sing 'Silent Night,' each in his own native tongue." And they did. God's message of "peace, good will toward men" is a universal message. The beautiful Christmas carols are the common property of mankind.

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Good News!

Good Christian men, rejoice

With heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say:

News! News! Jesus Christ is born today.

Ox and ass before Him bow,

And He is in the manger now:

Christ is born today.

Good Christian men, rejoice

With heart and soul and voice!

Now ye hear of endless bliss:

Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.

He hath opened the heavenly door

And man is blessed for evermore.

Christ was born for this.

Good Christian men, rejoice

With heart and soul and voice!

Now ye need not fear the grave:

Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save;

Call ye one and call ye all

To gain His everlasting hall,

Christ was born to save.

—John Mason Neale.

SAME OLD SANTA

Same old Santa, same old joys,

Same old dolls and sleds and toys;

Same old holly, same old tree,

Same old gifts for cherubs we;

Same old words of merry cheer,

Same good wishes for the year.

Same old Christmas! Seems to me

That's the way it ought to be.

DO YOU KNOW THAT REINDEERS, LIKE SANTA'S, LIVE IN CANADA?

Reindeer, like the team that Santa Claus drives over the house-tops on Christmas Eve, live in Canada? During the Ice Age, when glaciers covered Ontario, Arctic reindeer roamed through southern Canada. With the mastodon, woolly mammoth, and musk-ox, they existed along the bleak, barren borders of the great Ice sheet. Today they are found placidly roving all the Arctic lands around the pole — northern Europe, northern Asia and northern North America. In Lapland, which embraces northern Sweden, northern Finland, and northeastern Russia, the reindeer has been domesticated for centuries. In Arctic America the wild reindeer is called caribou. With the great reduction of Canada's caribou herds domestic reindeer have been brought in to take their place, and Eskimos are now being trained to look after herds in Canada's northland.

Santa Claus And The Mouse

One Christmas Eve when Santa Claus Came to a certain house, To all the children's stockings there, He found a little mouse.

A Merry Xmas little friend Said Santa good and kind, The same to you Sir, said the Mouse I thought you wouldn't mind.

If I should stay awake tonight And watch you for awhile, You're very welcome, little mouse, Said Santa—with a smile.

And then he filled the stockings up Before the mouse could wink, From toe to tip—from top to toe There wasn't left a chink.

Now they won't hold another thing, Said Santa Claus, with pride, A twinkle came in Mouse's eye, But humbly he replied.

It's not polite to contradict, Your pardon I implore, But in the fullest stocking there I could put one thing more.

Oh! He laughed Santa—silly mouse, Don't I know how to pack high? By filling stockings all these years I should have learned the knack.

And then he took the stocking down From where it hung high, And said—Now, put in one thing more,

I give you leave to try, The mouse chuckled to himself, And then he softly stole Right to the stockings crowded toe And gnawed a little hole.

Now, if you please, good Santa Claus I've put in one thing more, For you will own that little hole Was not in there before.

How Santa Claus did laugh and laugh, And then he gaily spoke, Well, you shall have a Xmas cheese For that nice little joke.

If you don't think this story true, Why I can show you, I assure, The very stocking with the hole The little mouse gnawed through.

Mistletoe: Rich In Tradition, Legend

Mistletoe, the symbol of friendship, joy and peace at Christmas time, and used as part of our holiday decorations, is rich in tradition and legend.

The custom of "kissing and becoming friends" under a spray of mistletoe tied over the doorway or suspended from the ceiling can be traced back through the centuries to the days of the Druid

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

BIG JIM COLLECTS

By WALTER E. KLEIN

BIG JIM blew a cloud of smoke into the air, reflectively stared at his cigar, then delicately flicked the long ash into a waiting tray.

"I said I wanted the money today," he said, and darted a sharp look at the nervous, pretty girl before him. She sat, small and timid in the big chair, twisting her handkerchief in supple fingers. "And no nonsense, Miss Mary Sharp. I'm not a hard man, but five grand isn't chicken feed. I've got expenses to meet, too. And my creditors won't wait as long as I've waited for you." That was a lie. Big Jim's creditors, if he had any, would have waited a good deal longer, and no doubt somewhat more nervously.

"You'll get it, Mr. Moran. I promise you. It's just that I haven't got it now. All I've got is fifty dollars. Look!" and she opened her purse to reveal a small roll of bills nestling in the bottom, slipped hidden by the bric a brac. "If, if, you'd take it on, on account?"

Big Jim laughed, the roar rumbling out of his throat in a thunderous peal. "Fifty dollars, on account for, for five grand? That wouldn't even pay the interest!"

"It's all I've got," Mary said.

"Look," Big Jim said kindly. "Why don't you admit you're licked? What made you marry such a dumb lug for, anyhow? You knew he couldn't stay away from the roulette table. Now all you do is run around and pay off his debts. He's no good."

"This is the last one," Mary said quickly. "When it's paid, I'm finished. I've taken my case to a lawyer. That's why I haven't got the money right now. But if you'll only wait," she pleaded.

"I see," said Big Jim. "I like you, kid. I feel sorry for you. But if you're dumb enough to play Santa Claus to your husband, well, I have to have the dough. If I don't get it, you know what'll happen to him."

"No! I knew what he was like when I married him, and I feel responsible for him. I can't let you do that! All I need is a little more time."

"That's all anyone ever needs—a little more time."

"Besides," Mary declared, defiantly. "If your tables weren't fixed, maybe he wouldn't have lost."

Big Jim inhaled the fragrance of his cigar, and smiled at her. "Every one knows my tables are honest. How do you think I keep my clients?"

"I don't care. What difference does it make?"

"I like to keep the facts straight, that's all. Haven't you got anything you can hook?"

Mary shrugged helplessly. "Nothing. Nothing at all. Except, except this ring. John gave it to me

when we became engaged. And I won't give that up!"

"Knowing John as I do, it's probably glass anyhow. Keep it. Nothing else? Sure? You're really in bad shape, aren't you, kid? John must have really taken you to the cleaners. Now, why not be sensible, say just forget the whole thing? Let me take care of him. I'll get my money's worth out of him; you can bank on that. Big Jim doesn't fool around long with wethers."

"I can't do that! I loved him. All I need is time. In a few months I can pay you back every penny."

Big Jim shook his head. "Sure, and in the meantime John'll be where I can't lay my hands on him, and you'll forget all about it, and these notes I have'll be just waste paper. No dice, kid."

Mary's shoulders slumped as she slowly rose.

"Wait a minute!" Big Jim cried on inspiration. "I'm a gambling man, and I like you. I'll give you a chance I'd never give John, or anyone else. You take that 50 bucks into the next room, and try to work it up on roulette. That's what John lost on."

Mary started to shake her head but Big Jim went on. "Don't be in such a hurry! You know how to play roulette, don't you? Sure. Any wife of John Sharp would. Okay, if you know, I'll knock off the five bucks, and give you another week to dig up the rest. That's a fair offer for you. What more do you want?"

Mary hesitated, then nodded. "All right, I'll do it!"

The door closed behind her.

Big Jim leaned back, put on his hat, and lit a new cigar. He pressed the buzzer on his desk, and talked a few moments with the poker-faced dress girl who entered. Then he went over to a sideboard, and mixed himself a drink. A short rose in the next room, and Big Jim smiled, expansively.

The door banged open, Mary Sharp clicked rapidly in on her high heels, and dumped a pile of bills on the desk before him. "There you five thousand. I hope you're satisfied!"

Big Jim set down his empty glass, and looked at the money with a rueful grin. Showing it to one side, he leaned across the desk, and said, "Not bad for a beginner. I hope you don't let it go to your head; it's still a bad business for an amateur. Congratulations."

"Now, if you'll give me those notes, I'll leave."

As the door was closing behind her, Big Jim shouted: "Still think my tables are fixed?"

A chuckle pressed up his throat.

The door opened again, and the creature re-entered. "Well, it's done. She took us for five grand. Was that John Sharp's wife? He owed you quite a wad, didn't he? Just about five grand."

Big Jim grinned. "Something like that. I hope that she doesn't pay out any more tonight."

"It won't, but I'll never see why we had to give five grand to a dame, no I'd even a regular such-a-client."

The poor kid had a tough time, but I couldn't let John Sharp take me for five grand, could I?"

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SELECTED RECIPES

FRIED CHICKEN

Cut chicken into serving pieces. Coat with seasoned flour, shake in cup flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and dash of pepper for a 2 1/2-pound chicken. (Half corn meal may be used.) To

add in even browning and for extra flavor, add 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika. Place seasoned flour in paper sack. Then add a few pieces of chicken, twist top of bag, and shake to coat evenly.

Heat enough fat in heavy skillet to make a layer about 1/2 inch deep. Add more during cooking, if necessary.

For crusty finish, avoid crowding pieces. Fry until lightly browned on both sides. Then reduce heat and cook slowly until tender, turning to cook both sides. For a young fryer (1 1/2 to 2 1/2 pounds), cook 20 to 25 minutes longer. For a larger chicken, cover and cook 30 to 45 minutes longer, depending on size of piece; uncover during last 5 minutes to re-crisp coating. (To test doneness, cut through one of the thickest muscles to bone. Meat should cut easily and no trace of red should be visible at the bone.)

1947 Wheat Crop Protein Higher

WINNIPEG. — Final estimate of the 1947 prairie wheat crop protein content is 14.1 per cent, 3 higher than last year's crop and 5 per cent higher than the mean for the last 20 years.

Its protein content is the best measure of the potential baking quality of wheat, the statement said. A high protein content also is "particularly valuable" in export which will be blended with weaker European wheat.

The cantaloupe first was grown in southern Asia.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS—Some of Alberta Seed Growers' Co-operative's Board of Directors. Standing, left to right: T. H. Howe, Millet; James Pringle, Coronation, and Kenneth Anderson, Grande Prairie. Seated, left to right: Detner Thomas, Mayerthorpe; Howard F. Wright, Calgary, president and managing director, and C. C. Patching, Lethbridge.

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YOUNG MAN, MAN I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?

LOOK AT HER! SHE DROPPED! SHE WILTS! AND WHY? BECAUSE YOU—YOU KEEP HER UP SO LATE!

GEE! FATHERS HAVE MORE FUN THAN ANYBODY!

YESSIR?

—By Chuck Thurston

THE TILLERS

I'M SORRY, JAMMER, BUT I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO MILK BY HAND TONIGHT—THE ELECTRIC MILKER WE WERE TRYING OUT SEEMS TO BE BROKEN!

OH, MR. TILLER—COME QUICK!

LOOK!

—By Les Carroll

Prairies May Get Natural Alberta Gas

Pipe Line To Supply Moose Jaw, Regina, Brandon And Winnipeg

CALGARY. — Alberta natural gas may heat Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina and Moose Jaw rather than Vancouver and Seattle, if a \$45,000,000 pipe line project now under consideration goes through.

The pipe line would be privately owned, would be financed by the Winnipeg firm, Oler Hammond and Nanton.

Before the project could go through the Alberta government would want to be convinced that there was more than sufficient gas to serve the needs of the province. Hon. N. E. Tanner, of the province, Hon. H. E. Tanner, Alberta minister of lands and mines, indicated that if reserves in excess of requirements could be proven, the government would not be adverse to the export scheme.

In order to get an estimate of reserves a joint provincial-Dominion committee of geologists and engineers has been set up. The committee is composed of four members, two provincial appointments, two Dominion. The chairman is a Dominion appointment.

While the members of the four man commission have not yet been announced it was considered here that Dominion government geologist Dr. G. S. Hume, would most likely be the chairman.

Recently the New York firm of McKee, Dixon and McKee, consultants on the Texas-Tennessee, 1,200 mile gas line, were in Calgary studying the export question from the standpoint of piping gas to Vancouver via Seattle. Northwest Natural Gas Company, one of the largest firms of its kind in the U.S. were the prospective builders. —Vancouver Province.

When friends tell you how to cure a sore throat, take the advice with a grain of salt. Add some warm water to the salt and gargle. It may do the trick.

The sinking of the Titanic in 1912 focused public attention upon use of the wireless at sea.

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Young Lady Describes Shopping Paradise

DETROIT. — A "perfectly heavenly" day of shopping all by herself in Detroit's largest department store was described by 17-year-old Mary Fisher, who was captured in the store wearing a complete new outfit, including five brassieres.

The fashion shopper told police she entered the store about 5:20 p.m. and went up to the 14th floor. She went into a rest room.

About 7:30 p.m. (after the store had closed) I came out and took the stairs down to the model homes department on the ninth floor. There I picked up one of those lovely model beds and went to sleep.

I got up bright and early and went shopping.

With the whole 14 floors to herself and unhampered by salesladies and cashiers, Miss Fisher accumulated a complete new outfit including the five brassieres, three handbags, and two suitcases full of clothes and jewelry.

It was then a watchman noticed her fitting through the store and a half-hour chase resulted in her capture.

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To you, all good friends, who have done so much to
make this a year of pleasant associations,
heartiest wishes are extended for a
Happier and More Prosperous New Year

The Blairmore Graphic**Local and General Items**

The Editor will be glad to receive items for this section, regarding visitors entertained, parties leaving for holidays or short trips, bridge parties, teas, showers, presentations, anniversaries, etc. Phone items in to 11 or hand them in at the Graphic office not later than Thursday evenings.

Mrs. F. A. Beebe has returned home from Macleod.

Barny Lach is home from the UBC to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hewitt and Mrs. Ed. Hewitt, of the Porcupine Hills were Pass visitors on Saturday.

Mr. John and Willie Musgrave, of Cowley, were business visitors in Blairmore last Friday.

Misses Kay Lillie, Irene Danco, and Irene Margatak are home from Calgary for the holidays.

Mr. Freddie Lenchucka has returned to his home in Blairmore for the holidays.

Mr. Bill Granger is visiting with his parents in Blairmore during the holiday season.

Mrs. Mary Unilowski, of Coleman, left last week to join her husband in Weyburn, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Telfer will spend the Christmas holidays in Calgary.

Mr. George Kalfoury will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. Little, of Calgary for the holiday season.

Mr. Charlie Hughson, of Blairmore, is a patient in a Calgary hospital. His condition is reported quite favorable.

Miss Alice Lach, of Calgary, is spending the Christmas holiday with her parents in Blairmore.

Miss Rita Bonneau is home from Edmonton to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Tony Pomahac has returned home from his studies to spend the holiday with his parents in Frank.

Mr. John Lach and Mr. Rene Diamond have returned home for the holidays.

Const. and Mrs. Alec Costick are spending the Christmas vacation in town, guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Costick.

A Merry Christmas to young and old. Let the spirit of Friendliness that animates us now be with us every day in all our years of life.

Mr. Johnny Godefroid, who is taking a course in Pharmacy at the University of B.C., is spending the holiday Season at his home in Blairmore.

Miss Claire Bennett, of Calgary, will be spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bennett.

Miss Peggy MacPherson has returned home from Victoria to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. MacPherson, of Blairmore.

Miss Hazel Millet arrived home Dec. 21st from the Edmonton University to spend the holidays with her parents.

Having been delayed by the Christmas rush, this issue is later than we desired, and readers will observe items that have taken place since the publishing date.

St. Luke's Anglican church, and school members, held their annual Christmas Tree Concert, Friday, Dec. 19th. A lovely supper was served for all, followed by a few games, a sing-song and then the concert, put on by the Sunday school class. Later in the evening Santa Claus arrived bringing gifts and candies to all the young folks. This ended the evening in a grand style.

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How still we see thee lie;

Above thy deep, and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by;

Yet in the darkness shinneth

The everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years

Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,

And gathered all above,

While mortals sleep, the angels keep

Their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth!

And praises sing to God our King

And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,

The wondrous Gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts

The blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming,

But in the world of sin,

Where weak souls will receive Him

still,

The dear Christ enters in.

Mrs. Elmer Rowe, of Pincher Creek,

was a Blairmore visitor last Saturday.

A number of ski enthusiasts met in

the WCC board room on Monday,

Dec. 15, with M. Aschacher, president

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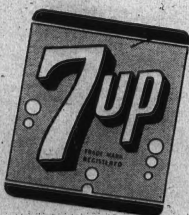
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How Did It All Start?

From what dim past did the tradition of Santa Claus come? Why are so many millions of dollars now spent on Christmas presents and millions of Christmas cards sent by friends to friends? How did the idea start? Why the combination of turkey and plum pudding, of candles and Christmas trees? How did all the glamour of the year's greatest holiday come about? Back of the present holiday season is one of the most curiously mixed and interesting chapters in all history.

Strange Ideas

References to Christmas appear in some of the oldest writings; Virgil describes the Christmas tree very clearly and its decorations of toys and dolls; and present-giving to one and all in a festive season of the Romans. In 1557, Thomas Tusser, an early English writer, after pronouncing the sound fact that "Christmas comes but once a year," recommended:

"At Christmas be merry and thankful withal,
And feast thy poor neighbors,
the great
With the small."

In those days people evidently had more time for proper holidaying, for revivies started around the Wassail-bowl a week ahead of Christmas and continued until well into the New Year.

Many strange superstitions were practiced. Unmarried girls would take turns calling at the pig-sty door. If a small pig answered first, her husband would be a young man; but if the great hog grunted, she would marry an old man.

Servant girls in some parts of the country could claim the privilege of staying in bed on Christmas morning while the mistress did the work.

Decorating churches and homes at Christmas time is a very old custom. Mistletoe was greatly revered by the old Druid monks of England. It was gathered by them at Yuletide, cut by the priest in white raiment using a golden knife. The Celts and Goths also venerated the mistletoe.

In Scandinavia the holly or holly-tree is called Christ's Thorn, from its dedication to Christmas and church decorations and because its berries appear at Christmas time.

10,000 Guests

In the earliest Christian days the day of Christmas actually varied from March and April to December. The Emperor Julius I set December 25 as the date sometime around 340 A.D.

English Kings from the reign of King John to that of Edward VI celebrated Christmas in Westminster Hall as the Palace of Westminster was at that time the royal residence.

Richard II personally entertained 10,000 persons there, wearing his crown and a cloth of gold robe encrusted with precious stones.

The boar's head was then the chief dish, and not the turkey. Splendidly garnished, borne aloft on a gold dish, and heralded by a fanfare of trumpets, it was followed by a procession of knights and ladies who sang the Boar's Head Carol, the music of which is still in existence.

Roast peacocks, elaborately decorated, were also served, but mince pies and Christmas pudding are of later date.

Kissing under the mistletoe had its origin in Scandinavian mythology.

The boxes originally placed in churches for voluntary contributions were called Christmas boxes, as on Christmas Day they were opened and their contents distributed next day—Boxing Day.

Star of East

December 6 is the actual birthday of St. Nicholas, the original of Santa Claus, who is credited with the visits to children with presents. In Scandinavian countries, these presents were a reward for children who had been of good conduct during the past year, rather than one of the adjuncts of Christmastime itself.

The self-important people are in pant only to themselves?

Christmas Firsts

The Poem

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" was first published in a newspaper, the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel, in 1823. Dr. Clement C. Moore had just composed it the Christmas before, just to amuse his children.

The Carol

"Silent Night," perhaps our most popular Christmas carol, was first sung on Christmas Eve, 1818, in Oberndorf, Austria. It was written by a clergyman named Josef Mohr, who penned the lyrics in a few minutes. His organist set the work to music within the hour, and it was sung in church that same evening.

The Card

The British Museum has a copy of the first Christmas card, etched by an English artist over a century ago.

The Stocking

The commercial toy-stuffed Christmas stocking was the brain child of George E. Mousley. This Philadelphia toy manufacturer pushed and popularized it many years ago.

The Tinsel

The tinsel we drape over our Christmas trees was first produced by a London engineer named Henry Harris in 1879. It was an accidental discovery. While working in a silk mill he noticed metal shavings clinging to a strand of silk.

The Seal

The Christmas seal was the idea of a Danish postal clerk named Elmar Holboell in 1903. The inspiration came to him while sorting Christmas mail and the Danish Government adopted the plan the next year.

The Address

The Dutch of New Amsterdam are credited with being the first to give Santa Claus his North Pole residence. They were also the first to put red on Santa's nose and on his costume.

—W. E. Farbein.

TRAVELS OF TEA AND TOAST

Waterton Lakes correspondent to Lethbridge Herald writes:

When your reporter was in Lethbridge the past week someone asked him what sort of a place is Waterton. I did not think there was anyone within a hundred miles of it who didn't know what sort of a place it is. I had to tell him that we had 143,000 registered there last summer, that we had 120 houses, 50 apartments, five hotels, 20 business places, two churches, one liquor store, 48 auto court buildings, and a two-room school. I was asked this same question 35 years ago. It was a very different story then about 3 houses, 12 tents and a boot-legger, and one business place. That was in the good old days. I remember a man driving into the park with a democrat loaded with 11 cases of Scotch whiskey. He was followed later by the man who owned it. I went out to welcome them as was my duty, when I noticed they were all very much under the weather. The one who was able to conduct affairs a little came to me and said, "Cook there is a man in No. 1 tent who is not feeling very well, will you take him a cup of tea and a piece of toast?" Giving me a dollar tip I took the toast and tea, but alas, the man in No. 1 was dead to the world. I left it beside his bed and returned to my kitchen again. I was tipped a dollar to take No. 2 tent tea and toast. I did. I took it from No. 1 to No. 2 and before I had finished I had taken the same tea and toast to five of them. At the finish I had five dollars, a cup of tea and a plate of toast. By the time they had finished their load of Scotch we had seen how a bunch of tired business men could enjoy themselves.

Our problems only grow when we don't.

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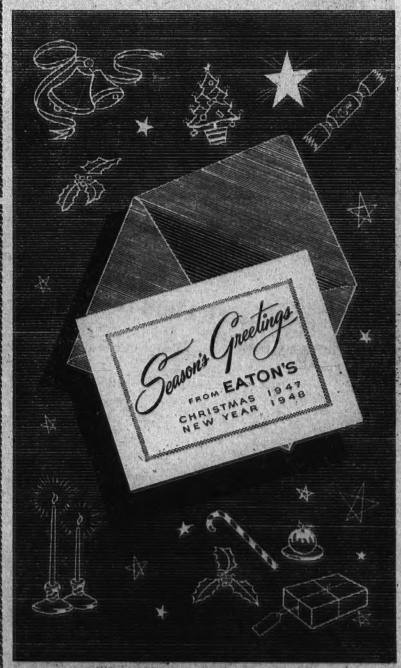
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When we think of Christmas we think of the pictures we see on Christmas cards of houses almost buried in snow, candles burning in windows, and carolers grouped around a doorway, singing with all their hearts to the distant peal of church bells. Christmas must have been picturesque in those days, no automobiles whizzing by, just the merry jingle of sleigh bells.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was written in 1730 by Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, who founded the Methodist denomination, but was not published until 1856. Inspiration for the poem came to Wesley as he walked to church one Christmas morning.

Bishop Phillip Brooks, rector of the Holy Trinity church in Philadelphia, was asked by his Sunday school children to write a Christmas song, so in 1868 he produced "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem." After writing the hymn, he went to the church organist and asked him to furnish a tune. The organist, Lewis H. Redner, says the air came to him in a Christmas dream, and it was finished for the next day's services.

Origin of "Silent Night"

But most beloved of all Christmas music is "Holy Night, Silent Night," written, we are told, by Father Josef Mohr, who found himself without means of music for the Christmas services because mice had eaten the bellows of the church organ. Father Josef was greatly troubled over the calamity, and as he returned from administering rites to a dying woman he stood on a hilltop, at midnight, and it came to him that it must have been just such a silent night that the Christ child was born, so he went home and composed the words to our famous Christmas hymn.

Then of course, it needed music, so he went to his old schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. And so Franz played his guitar and Father Josef sang a Christmas hymn that will never die.

Few think of this lovely hymn without remembering how we watched our radio dial at Christmas time for its rendition by one of the most beloved of singers, Madame Schumann-Heink. Oh, those were days of simplicity, when the rectors casting about for suitable Christmas programs turned poets, and organists turned composers to furnish the music, music that goes on forever.

They could, indeed, be gratified if they could hear our present Christmas day programs, pouring out of a little cabinet in the corner, their labors of love have come a long way from that steel guitar and a gentle voice replacing a nibbled bellows, they'd be surprised to learn their flock now does its Christmas shopping to their inspirational tunes.

DENTAL CARE

The department of national health and welfare, Ottawa, joins in urging care of the teeth. It points out, in a recent bulletin, that the great majority of people are subject to dental caries. Dentists should be consulted at least twice a year in order that decay may be detected and checked in its incipient stages.

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Boxing Day

Unless we are greatly mistaken, the custom of celebrating Boxing Day, and calling it by its ancient name, is of fairly recent acceptance in Canada. There is common sense as well as tradition, in the custom of taking an extra day's holiday after Christmas. There is very little buying or selling, and most people are happy to have extra time in which to continue the previous day's festivities.

Boxing Day is also the Feast of St. Stephen, in the calendar of the Christian church. Everybody recalls that it was on the Feast of Stephen that King Wenceslas performed the act of charity which is celebrated in a familiar carol. St. Stephen, according to the lore of the Middle Ages, was the patron of horses and horse-dealers, and it was usual for veterinarians—who used to be called horse-eches—to bleed all the horses under their care on this day, and give them a drunch. In Finland it was the custom until recently to throw a piece of silver into a horse's manger on this day to bring good luck.

As for the custom which gives the 26th of December the name of Boxing Day, we find it described in The Gentleman's Magazine of 1811, thus: "On the day after Christmas, tradespeople are visited by persons in the employment of their customers for a Christmas-box, and every man and boy who thinks he is qualified to ask, solicits from those on whom he calculates as likely to bestow. A writer, in 1731, describes Boxing Day at that time from his own experience. 'By that time I was up, my servants could do nothing but run to the door, inquiring the meaning. I was answered the people were come for their Christmas box; this was logic to me; but I found at last, because I had laid out a great deal of ready-money with my brewer, baker and other tradesmen, they kindly thought it my duty to present their servants with some money for the favor of having their goods. This provoked me a little, but being told it was the custom, I complied. These were followed by the watch, the beadle, dustmen, and an innumerable tribe; but what vexed me most was the clerk, who has an extraordinary place, and makes as good appearance as most tradesmen in the parish; to see him come a-boxing, alias begging, I thought was intolerable; however, I found it was the custom, too, so I gave him a half-a-crown; as I was likewise obliged to do the bellman, for breaking my rest for many nights together.

It will be seen from this irritable account of an eighteenth century Boxing Day that although taxes were slight in those days, in comparison with the imposts which are laid upon us now, there were demands upon the private purse which could soon run away with a considerable sum of money in the course of a single day. We still give Christmas boxes, but not to every corner—From the Peterborough Examiner.

SCHOOL RECESSES

Need for strict observance of breaks in class routine in school is the subject of a pronouncement from the department of national health and welfare, Ottawa. The health officers point out that recesses should be observed carefully. Class rooms should be given a chance to air, and both teacher and pupil given the benefit of a short spell of freedom from instruction and study.

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